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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ST. LOUIS

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY,

1871-72.

INCLUDING A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PROGRESS OF THE INSTITUTION DURING THE WINTER OF 1872-3.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The fiscal year of the Public School Library ends on the first day of May in each year. The statistics given below represent, therefore, the progress of the Library during the year ending May 1st, 1872; such statistics being, however, supplemented by the most prominent facts in the history of the Library during the winter of 1872–73.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS:	
To Balance on hand, May 1, 1871	$ 959 20
Life memberships	529 00
Temporary memberships	4,421 50
Fines	326 20
Books lost and paid for	23 00
Old newspapers sold	22 70
Catalogues sold	88 90
Cash donation	9 55
Lectures (gross receipts)	1,068 65
Bills payable	100 00
Collection of duplicates	337 00
School Board appropriations	5,900 00
Total	$13,785 70
EXPENDITURES:	
By Books	$2,787 47
Collection of Duplicates	753 07
Newspapers and periodicals	991 38
Binding	485 23
Librarian and Assistants	4,765 95
Postage and stamps	54 79
Printing and advertising	177 75
Stationery and blank books	485 11
Lectures	1,111 50
Bills payable	100 00
Miscellaneous expenses	281 65
Balance in treasury May 1, 1872	1,728 84
Balance in contingent fund	62 96
Total	$13,785 70

The net income of the Library, apart from the appropriations of the School Board, and after deducting the amounts of bills payable and lecture expenses, amounted to $5,715 00

The total current expenses of the Library, including salaries, stationery, postage, printing and advertising, and all petty expenses, amounted to $5,668 44

showing that the Library continues to be more than self-sustaining, and that the appropriations of the School Board are all used to increase and preserve the contents of the Library. The sum of 5,017.15 was spent last year for books, periodicals

and binding, while a balance remains in treasury of $1,728.74, to be used this year for the same purposes.

BOOKS.

The additions made to the Library during the year were as follows:

Acquired by Purchase:		
Public School Library proper	1528 vols.	
Collection of duplicates	758 "	
		2286 vols.
Acquired by Donation		406 "
Total		2692

They are divided as follows:

Public School Library proper:	Volumes.
English books	1687
German "	203
French "	33
Spanish "	2
Total	1934

The collection of duplicates contains as yet only books in English.

The books added to the Library proper, are classified as follows:

	Volumes.
Philosophy	29
Theology	28
Social and Political Sciences	246
Natural Sciences and Useful Arts	364
Fine Arts and Poetry	144
Novels	253
Juveniles	448
Literary Miscellany	52
History and Travels	110
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	260

Certain departments received this year special attention: Pedagogy was increased by 34 volumes; Engineering by 58 volumes; Architecture and Building, by 65 volumes; the Medical Sciences, by 143 volumes; while our agents have still in their hands unfulfilled orders for 24 volumes of medical books, and other works on Engineering, Architecture and Building, Fine Art Drawing, and General Science, amounting to nearly $500.

Of the 203 volumes of German books added, 149 were additions to the Juvenile Department.

The novels added this year to the Library proper comprise only about 13 per cent. of the additions, reckoned by volumes; probably not over seven per cent. reckoned by cost of the books—a result of the establishment of the collection of duplicates; in future years the percentage will be still less.

The books placed in the collection of duplicates are classified as follows:

	Volumes.
Novels	543
Juveniles	21
Miscellaneous Literature and Science	194

In addition to the volumes above reported, there were presented to the Library, during the year, 901 pamphlets.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is as follows:

	Volumes.
Public School Library proper	23,767
Collection of duplicates	758
Academy of Science	2,863
Duplicates not in circulation	1,804
Unbound pamphlets and periodicals	692
Total	29,884

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES.

This collection, established in September, 1871, has proved a most successful experiment. Its first books were purchased with $500 appropriated from the Library fund, and the income of the collection has since been more than sufficient to keep it supplied, fully up to the demand, with all new and popular publications.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total membership for the year was as follows:

Life members	1404	
Less number deceased	20	
		1384
Perpetual memberships		30
Temporary pay subscribers		2734
Free Evening School members		767
Total		4555

The total number of new names registered for membership, during the year, amounted to 1451. Of these 915 were persons who were or had been connected with our public schools, while 536 had never had any connection with the St. Louis Schools. This exhibit is significant: it proves that our school people are they from whom the Library derives its main patronage, but it also shows that the Library grows rapidly in general popularity and attracts its members from the community at large.

From actual count we find that one-third of our members are of German descent, while one-fourth of them read German books and apply in the Library for German books to read;

facts that would seem to warrant a larger proportion of German books in our additions hereafter than has hitherto been customary.

CIRCULATION.

During the year there were drawn from the Library for home use, 81,951 volumes, of which, 76,118 were from the Library proper, and 5,833 from the collection of duplicates.

Since, in October last, the old system of issue ledgers was abandoned in favor of membership cards, and the issues of books were charged on separate slips instead of on the pages of a book, as formerly, it has become possible to keep a classified account of the character of books read. Accordingly we find that since October, there were issued from the Library proper, in

	Volumes.
Philosophy	357
Theology	457
Social Sciences	525
Natural Sciences and Useful Arts	2,004
Fine Arts and Poetry	1,610
Novels	21,556
Juveniles	11,851
Literary Miscellany	1,430
History and Travels	4,776
Periodicals (bound)	773
Total	45,339

It will be seen that the issues of novels bear a proportion to the entire issue of only 47 per cent. The juveniles are 26 per cent. of the whole. Last year the novels were 52 per cent., the juveniles 27 per cent. If we add the issues of novels from the collection of duplicates, we find the total per cent. of novel reading to be 52 per cent.—last year's figures restored. This shows that while the establishment of the collection of duplicates has not increased the percentage of novel reading, the character of the reading from the Library proper has been changed by it five per cent. in favor of more solid literature.

READING ROOM.

The attractiveness, as well as the usefulness, of the reading room has this year been increased by subscriptions to thirty-two new periodicals and newspapers, classified as follows:

Newspapers	3
Engineering	9
Mechanic Arts	3
Architecture and Building	7
General Science	2
Statistics	1
Medicine	4
Fine Arts	1
Literature	2
Total	32

We now receive regularly 182 magazines and newspapers, besides several that are presented and come irregularly.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.

A comparison of the results of the year just passed with those of the year preceding, shows an unprecedented increase in every department:

Net income of the Library, 1871–72	$5,668 44
1870–71	4,597 85
Gain this year	$1,070 59
Receipts from memberships and fines alone, 1871–72	$5,276 70
1870–71	4,128 65
Gain	$1,148 05
Amount spent for books, periodicals and binding, 1871–72	$5,017 15
1870–71	4,261 12
Gain	$ 756 03
Total membership, 1871–72	4555
1870–71	3760
Gain	795
New names registered for membership, 1871–72	1451
1870–71	1229
Gain	222
No. of volumes added, 1871–72	2692
1870–71	1757
Gain	935
No. of volumes issued, 1871–72	81,951
1870–71	65,137
Gain	16,814

SUPPLEMENT.

SUNDAY OPENING.

On the 28th of May, 1872, the Board of Public Schools passed a resolution to the effect that "the Library Committee be and is hereby instructed to advocate before the Board of Managers of the St. Louis Public School Library the policy of opening said Library on Sundays." The Library Board responded promptly to this expressed desire of the School Board, and on Sunday, June 9th, 1872, the Library was first opened to the public, from two P.M. until ten P.M. During the afternoon and evening, 183 persons visited the Library; at four o'clock, forty-two persons were counted in the rooms, all quietly engaged in reading. On the Sunday following, (June 16th) the Library

was open from ten A.M. until ten P.M., as a free reading room, all well-behaved persons being welcomed and allowed the use of books and periodicals, whether members of the Library or not. Members were also allowed to draw books for home use, the same as on week days. A corps of assistants, distinct from that employed on week days, was engaged for the Sunday service. On Sunday, June 16th, there were 268 visitors to the Library, of whom 106 were members and 162 were not. There were 24 books consulted within the Library, and 33 volumes drawn out for home use. Of the visitors, 239 were males and 29 females. From these small beginnings the Sunday attendance has steadily increased until Sunday has come to be the busiest day in the week, as is shown by the following statistics of the circulation and use of books during the month of February, 1873:

Books drawn for home use:		
Daily average, week days	247⅓	vols.
" Sundays	92¼	"
Books consulted within the Library:		
Daily average, week days	48¼	"
" Sundays	294½	"
Drawn for home use and library use, together:		
Daily average, week days	295⅓	"
" Sundays	386¾	"

One head assistant and three subordinates now form the Library staff on Sundays. The cost for assistants is $10.50 on week days and $11 on Sundays. The maximum of attendance on any week day very rarely exceeds 100 persons present in the rooms at one time, whereas 300 have been counted in the rooms at one time on repeated Sunday afternoons. The accommodations for readers in the reading room, which were represented last year as altogether inadequate to the requirements of our readers, have this year ceased to be accommodations at all. It is impossible to seat one hundred persons in the room, no matter how uncomfortably, and when nearly two hundred are jammed into it barely standing room is allowed for the majority. The limited wall space for newspapers necessitates the filing of half a dozen different papers upon one file, thus preventing the simultaneous use of five papers out of the six. It is still hoped that before the opening of the next Fall and Winter season the Board of Public Schools will consent to add the Polytechnic Hall to the Library, thus giving it a reading room equal to, if not surpassing, any other in our country,

SOUTH ST. LOUIS BRANCH.

On the 12th of November a petition was presented to the Board of Public Schools, asking for the establishment in that suburb of a branch of this Library. The petition was referred to the Library Committee of the Board, who thereupon presented the following report:

Honorable Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools:

Your Library Committee respectfully report that at the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Public School Library, held the 9th inst., the following action was had:

Be it resolved as follows:

I. That in the opinion of this Board it is advisable to establish in South St. Louis a branch of the Public School Library, so soon as the citizens of that place shall guarantee to this Board, by subscriptions for membership or otherwise, the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of opening such branch and defraying the necessary expenses for continuing the same.

II. That all duplicate books now in possession of this Library and not in use, be placed in said branch when established, and put into circulation there.

III. That the affairs of the branch be managed in accordance with the rules and regulations hereto appended.

IV. That all money received at said branch shall, after defraying the necessary expenses of conducting the same, be devoted, if any surplus remains, to the purchase of books, periodicals, or furniture for said branch.

V. That said Branch Library shall be and remain a part of the St. Louis Public School Library, and all property constituting said Branch Library shall belong to and be the property of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, and said Branch Library shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Managers of the St. Louis Public School Library.

VI. That in case at any time this Board should deem it inexpedient to longer continue the existence of said Branch Library, then all memberships issued at said branch shall constitute

membership in the St. Louis Public School Library. A deficit in the revenue from membership or other sources shall be considered sufficient cause for discontinuing the said branch.

VII. That the Library Committee of the Board ef Public Schools be requested to present these resolutions to said School Board, and ask permission for this Board to establish the proposed Branch Library, in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and the rules and regulations hereto appended.

Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Public School Library be, and they are hereby permitted to establish in South St. Louis a branch of the Public School Library, in conformity with the resolutions and regulations above set forth.

Your Committee further present herewith the half-yearly report of the Board of Managers of the Library, together with the report of the Treasurer of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Lips,
William N. Loker,
Arnold Strothotte,
H. Auler.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the Government of the South St. Louis Branch of the St. Louis Public School Library.

Rule I. The Branch Library shall be kept open for the delivery and return of books, and as a Reading Room, from 4 till 9½ p. m., on all secular days, except the usual holidays; and from 2 till 9 p. m. on Sundays.

Rule II. The terms of Membership for all persons shall be the same at the Branch as at the Main Library in St. Louis, viz: Twelve dollars for Life Membership, payable at once, or in instalments (within a period of four years) at the rate of one dollar for every three months, in advance.

Rule III. Any person holding a membership at the Branch may transfer that membership to the Main Library at any time, upon obtaining from the Assistant Librarian at the Branch a certificate that all books are returned and all dues paid. And

all members at the Branch shall have access to the Main Library for purposes of reading and reference, but not to draw books for home use, except as provided below.

Rule IV. Members at the Branch may draw books from the Branch collection, or from the Main Library, under the regulations governing the issue of books at the Main Library. Twice a week, or oftener if found necessary, a messenger shall carry to the Main Library all orders for books left at the Branch by members, returning at the same time all Main Library books that have been returned at the Branch by members, and taking back the books ordered, which shall be retained at the Branch till called for by the members ordering the same: *Provided*, that any book so ordered, if not called for within three days after its reception at the Branch, shall be sent back to the Main Library; *and provided further*, that all books so ordered and received shall be charged to members at the date of their reception at the Branch.

Rule V. All membership and issue accounts connected with the Branch shall be kept in detail at the Branch; and all books ordered at the Branch from the Main Library shall be charged to the Branch, at large, when sent there, and credited when returned.

Rule VI. A member at the Branch visiting the Main Library, may draw a book therefrom for home use, upon presenting a certificate from the Assistant at the Branch to the effect that such member's account is clear of all previous charges, whether for books or dues. But books so drawn shall be charged precisely as if ordered from the Branch, and must be returned at the Branch.

Rule VII. Members at the Branch drawing books from the Main Library may renew the same at the Branch, as provided in Rule VIII of the "Rules and Regulations of the St. Louis Public School Library and Reading Room;" but all books from the Main Library borrowed by members at the Branch, must, upon their return, be sent back to the Main Library before being again loaned out.

After some discussion pro and con, on motion of Mr. Starkloff, the first resolution was amended to read as follows:

"I. That in the opinion of this Board it is advisable to establish in South St. Louis a branch of the Public School Library as soon as the citizens of that place shall pay to the treasurer

of the Public School Library the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of opening such branch."

The report was then adopted as amended.

The severity of the winter and the difficulty of obtaining coal, which arrested very largely the manufacturing industries of South St. Louis, have retarded the proposed establishment of the Branch Library. It is now, however, confidently hoped that an early day will see it successfully opened.

CATALOGUE.

The printed card system of cataloguing, fully described in the Boston Public Library Report for 1872, and there stated to have been derived from the University of Leyden, has been adopted, with some modification, in our Library. The system, briefly stated, consists in printing the titles of books upon thin paper (printing, of course, only on one side), and then cutting the titles apart and pasting them upon separate cards. By this process, as many card catalogues can be made as desired, and the same printed title will answer for the alphabetical part and the classified, as well as for any special lists that may be required. In the Boston Public Library the system is carried out on the grandest scale; our more contracted limits compel us to merge card catalogue and quarterly bulletin into one publication. Our 1st Supplement to the Catalogue, recently issued, and containing the titles of books added, to November, 1872, is printed with a space between the titles, to admit of their being readily cut apart. Fifty copies of the Supplement are printed on one side only of thin paper, and will be used to make a number of card catalogues, alphabetical and classified, for the use of our readers and of the officers of the Library. All books that are alphabetized by authors in the alphabetical part of the catalogue and by titles in the classified, appear twice in the Supplement; all others only once.

SOCIETIES AND OTHER DONORS.

Academy of Science.

The opening of the current Library year was signalized by an event of great importance: the placing in the Library room of the valuable collections of Palæontology and Natural History of this Academy. The specimens were arranged by Professor

A. D. Hager, our former State Geologist, in handsome cases provided for the purpose by the Board of Public Schools, and already they have attracted a large share of attention from the teachers and pupils of our public schools, and all other visitors to the Library. It is to be hoped that this collection will remain, for all time to come, an integral part of the Library, as it will always be one of its most useful and attractive features. Should the Polytechnic Hall be devoted to the purposes of a reading-room for our Library, the apartment now occupied as a reading-room may become the permanent receptacle of the cases just mentioned, and furnish abundant space for large additions to their number. The room is admirably fitted for the purposes of a Museum of Natural History, and in no great time extensive and valuable additions to the Academy's collections may be expected. The Library of the Academy increases steadily from exchanges with learned societies throughout the civilized world. Last year two hundred volumes of the pamphlets of the Academy were bound at the expense of our Library, and it is purposed to bind a like number annually. The titles of the books belonging to the Academy appeared in our printed catalogue of 1870. A list of the additions made since is now preparing, and will appear in our next printed supplement to the catalogue.

St. Louis Medical Society.

The donation to our Library of the collections of this Society was mentioned in last year's report, as well as the payment of $524 to constitute the members of the Society members of the Library for one year. A further sum of $560 was paid for the same purpose this year, making $1,084, which sum, by agreement, is to be spent for medical works under the direction of the Society. Already several important works have been added to the Library, among which may be mentioned complete sets of the *American Journal of Medical Sciences* (1827–72), *Braithwaite's Retrospect* (1840–72), *Medico-Chirurgical Review* (1820–72), *Medico-Chirurgical Transactions* (London, 1850–71), *Old* and *New Sydenham Societies'* publications, besides a considerable selection of the latest and best treatises.

St. Louis Institute of Architects, and Engineers' Club.

Under advice and instruction from these societies, important additions have been made to the Library in the kindred arts of

Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Building, and Architecture. The London *Builder*, complete from the beginning; *Engineering*, lacking only the first three volumes, not yet obtainable, and a number of large illustrated folios, have already been added.

The Missouri Historical Society,

Through the kind offices of its President, Hon. Elihu H. Shepard, has permanently placed in the Library rooms its valuable collection of curiosities and relics of the past, including photographs of persons and of buildings belonging to former generations.

The St. Louis Microscopical Society, and St. Louis Local Steam Engineers' Association,

Have, within the year, been added to the list of societies making our Library their common centre. The terms of their connection are that the Board of Public Schools shall supply them, rent free, a room to meet in twice a month; that they shall pay to the Library the customary life-membership fees for all their members, and that the Library shall spend the money thus obtained for books, etc., under the direction of the societies.

St. Louis Art Society.

The collection of this Society has found a home in our Library. Already the magnificent painting of "Macbeth" (presented by its author, Conrad Diehl, to the Society), adorns our walls, as do also several other paintings and a number of autotypes of the great works of art in the Vatican. We have also on our shelves a superb work, in three folio volumes, known as Claude's *Liber Veritatis*, presented to the Art Society by Mr. James E. Yeatman. During the present year the Society will largely increase its collection, greatly adding, thereby, to the interest and attractiveness of our rooms.

Sheet Music.

Messrs. Balmer & Weber have presented to the Library 92 pieces of music, their own publications. Messrs. Kunkel Bros. have this year added their recent publications to their last year's gift of all their music. Messrs. Peters Bros., of New York, through the kind offices of Mr. T. A. Boyle, head of the St. Louis branch of their house have, in like manner, presented us

their musical publications, and send us gratis *Peters' Musical Monthly.* These contributions to the musical department of our Library, bound into volumes containing from 9 to 12 pieces each, are in constant demand by our readers. Their donation benefits their publishers by enabling our readers to select for purchase such pieces as please them, and it is hoped that the example thus set will be followed by all the other publishers of music in our city.

U. S. Congressional Documents.

Through the continued kindness and zeal of our Senators and Representatives, we receive annually all the publications of Congress. The principal gift of this character, during the past year, has been that of the *Specifications and Drawings of Patents,* of which the handsomely bound weekly volumes for the year 1871–72, complete, are on our shelves. The issues for 1872–73, in monthly volumes, have reached us as far as November last, while we are promised the issues for the years prior to July, 1871, as fast as they are published. The conditions of the gift are that the Library pay for binding the volumes; that it permit no individual to remove them from the rooms, and admit to their use the general public, whether subscribers to the Library or not. For these favors we are chiefly indebted to Hon. Frank P. Blair, Hon. Carl Schurz, Hon. Erastus Wells, Hon. G. A. Finkelnburg; Hon. M. D. Leggett, Commissioner of Patents; Hon. John Eaton, Jr., Commissioner of Education. To E. H. Singleton, Observer, our thanks are due for the daily maps and charts, as well as the annual reports of the U. S. Signal Service.

State Documents.

Hon. Eugene F. Weigel, Secretary of State, sent us fifty-six volumes of Missouri State Documents, nearly completing our sets. Chas. Reed, Esq., State Librarian of Vermont, has kindly offered to complete our collection of the public documents of his State. It is to be hoped that we shall yet experience like generosity from other States of our Union.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Thursday, February 8, 1872, Miss KATE T. WILSON passed away from earth. She had been a teacher in our public schools for seventeen years, and for more than twelve years Principal of the Eliot School for girls.

Her name is recorded among the first life-members of our Library in 1865, and in that year she was elected a member of the first Board of Trustees. She continued to fill the position until the day of her death. To our Library she was ever a true and zealous friend; in every enterprise to promote its interests she was among the foremost, most earnest, most indefatigable of workers. On the 10th of February the Board of Managers adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Sovereign Disposer of events to remove from our midst, by the hand of death, Miss KATE T. WILSON, a member of this Board from its first organization, in 1865, till the day of her death; therefore be it

Resolved, That, by the death of Miss WILSON, this Board has lost a most efficient member, and the Public School Library a most zealous and valuable friend.

Resolved, That this Board bear testimony to the many estimable qualities of mind and heart which distinguished its late deceased member and endeared her to all her associates. Ever faithful and punctual in the discharge of duty; ever among the foremost in every work that had for its end the advancement of the institution under our charge, her death leaves a blank which this Board deems it very difficult to fill.

Resolved, That this Board express to the bereaved members of the family of the deceased its deep sympathy in their great loss.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish to the relatives of the deceased, and also, for publication, to the newspapers, a copy of these resolutions.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Honorable Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the St. Louis Public School Library, respectfully presents his report for the fiscal year ending May 1, 1872:

Dr.

To amounts deposited by Secretary of the School Board, October 31, 1871, and April 27, 1872	$ 5,900 00
To amounts deposited by Secretary of the Board of Managers, Public School Library, 1871–72	6,690 88
Total	$12,590 88

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By amounts paid out on warrants	$10,862 04
By balance in treasury, May 1, 1872	1,728 84
Total	$12,590 88

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BRITTON, Treasurer P. S. L.

OFFICERS.

Year.	President.	Vice President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Librarian.
1865...	*S. D. Barlow.* (Felix Coste.)	C. S. Greeley.	A. Miltenberger.	Jas. Richardson.	*Ira Divoll.* (J. J. Bailey.)
1866...	*F. Coste.* (*Th. Richeson.*) (J. Richardson.)	C. S. Greeley.	*A. Miltenberger.* (R. Fenby.)	*Jas. Richardson.* (W. H. Maurice.)	Jno. J. Bailey.
1867–68	*J. Richardson.* (S. D. Barlow.)	C. S. Greeley.	Nath. Myers.	W. H. Maurice.	Jno. J. Bailey.
1868–69	F. Coste.	C. S. Greeley.	Nath. Myers.	W. H. Maurice.	Jno. J. Bailey.
1869–70	Ira Divoll.	Wm. T. Harris.	Librarian, *ex offi.*	Chas. Enslin.	Jno. J. Bailey.
1870–71	Ira Divoll.	Wm. T. Harris.		Chas. Enslin.	Jno. J. Bailey.
1871–72	J. Richardson.	Wm. T. Harris.		J. H. Britton.	Jno. J. Bailey.
1872–73	J. Richardson.	Wm. T. Harris.		J. H. Britton.	Jno. J. Bailey.

N. B.—Names in *italics* went out of office, became *ex officio* members, or resigned. Names in parenthesis took the places vacated.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Felix Coste, Wm. T. Harris, H. H. Morgan, L. F. Soldan (*ex officio*), H. C. Hamilton, W. N. Loker, C. L. Lips, V. H. Auler, A. Strothotte.—(*Library Committee appointed by School Board*); J. Richardson, T. Richeson, C. F. Meyer, G. Partridge, R. J. Rombauer, Mrs. E. C. Dunham, Miss F. M. Bacon—*Elected by Life Members.*

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

	Volumes.	Perpetual Memberships, vested in High School.	Life Members.	Temporary Members.	Total Membership.	New Members.	Vols. issued.	Gross Receipts.
December 1st, 1865	1,500	..	343	200	543	....	.....	$ 5,726 65
January 1st, 1867.....	9,623	..	493	1,432	1,925	1,687	31,572	9,478 30
May 1st, 1868 (16 mos.)	11,592	..	597	2,978	3,575	1,343	76,557	17,266 30
May 1st, 1869	12,100	30	792	2,761	3,583	1,427	55,139	9,255 95
May 1st, 1870	20,076	30	996	2,146	3,172	933	53,756	8,692 60
May 1st, 1871.....	21,833	30	1,170	2,560	3,760	1,229	65,137	10,097 85
May 1st, 1872.....	24,525	30	1,384	3,141	4,555	1,451	81,951	12,826 50

NET INCOME.

	Membership.	Fines.	Collection of Duplicates.	Catalogues.	Cash Donations.	School Board Appropria'ons.	Exhibitions.	Lectures.	Other sources.	Total.
To December 1st, 1865	$ 4,688 00	.... ..	.....	.....	$ 43 50	.....	$ 995 15	.....	.....	$ 5,726 65
" January 1st, 1867	3,755 50	$ 169 20	.....	$ 59 00	1,687 00	.....	1,391 15	$1,039 45	$ 29 60	8,130 90
" May 1st, 1868 (16 mos.)	5,078 00	408 55	.....	70 00	195 00	$ 5,000 00	827 80	Loss 179 20	194 10	11,594 25
" " " 1869.....	3,433 50	253 80	.....	8 50	200 00	4,915 60	.....	" 416 80	74 65	8,469 25
" " " 1870.....	3,414 00	216 35	.....	.....	50	4,926 00	.....	" 184 15	27 00	8,399 70
" " " 1871.....	3,875 00	253 65	.....	68 70	25 30	5,500 00	318 10	.....	57 10	10,097 85
" " " 1872.....	4,950 50	326 20	$337 00	88 90	9 55	5,900 00	.....	Loss 42 85	45 70	11,615 00
Totals	$29,194 50	$1,627 75	$337 00	$295 10	$2,160 85	$26,241 60	$3,532 20	Gain$216 45	$428 15	$64,033 60
Yearly averages.....	4,170 64	271 29	.....	.....	.....	5,248 20	.....	.....	71 36	9,147 66

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURES.

	Books.	Periodicals and Newspapers.	Binding.	Totals 1st 3 columns.	Salaries.	Catalogue.	Printing and Stationery.	Miscellaneous Expenses.
To January 1st, 1867.....	$ 5,760 18	$ 152 43	$ 193 20	$ 6,105 81	$ 2,316 33	$ 345 00	$ 821 20	$1,975 88
" May 1st, 1868 (16 mos.).....	2,610 96	1,173 19	653 90	4,438 05	3,604 67	....	337 45	2,836 03
" " " 1869.....	118 15	323 00	....	441 15	2,649 25	....	74 40	768 13
" " " 1870.....	2,449 88	590 25	1,348 85	4,388 98	3,910 18	1,079 80	687 95	488 40
" " " 1871.....	2,749 78	602 24	909 10	4,261 12	4,249 15	2,206 75	400 15	295 48
" " " 1872.....	3,510 54	991 38	485 23	5,017 15	4,765 95	....	662 86	336 44
Totals.....	$17,229 49	$3,832 49	$3,590 28	$24,652 26	$21,495 53	$3,631 55	$2,984 01	$6,700 36
Yearly averages.....	2,871 58	638 75	598 38	4,108 71	3,582 59	605 26	497 33	*1,116 73

* This average is inaccurate. During the first three years the Library bore the expenses of rent, fuel, light, and janitor's services; the average was $1,860.01. Since then the School Board defrays those expenses; the present average is, therefore, $373.44.

Comparative Cost of Administration.

No.	NAMES OF LIBRARIES.	Expenditures for Books.	Periodicals and Newspapers.	Binding.	Total.	Salaries.	Vols. Issued.
1	Boston Mercantile Library (av'e 3 years).....	$556 72	$320 20	$84 91	$961 83	$1,197 06	.....
2	Boston Public Library (av'e 3 years).....	12,027 89	1,962 57	4,759 16	18,749 62	27,409 35	239,158
3	Brooklyn Mercantile Library (1870).....	2,042 78	1,960 87	800 00	4,803 65	7,202 89	61,582
4	Harvard College Library (1868).....	2,500 00	.....	.....	2,500 00	9,000 00	.....
5	Charlestown (Mass.) Public Library (1871)....	1,875 58	.....	288 83	2,164 41	2,300 53	63,683
6	Cincinnati Mercantile Library (1855).....	949 16	780 34	.....	1,729 50	2,400 00	30,000
7	Cincinnati Public Library ((av'e 3 years).....	12,133 94	754 73	859 70	13,748 37	7,865 97	113,731
8	Detroit Public Library (av'e 2 years).....	1,331 81	.....	97 02	1,428 83	1,233 77	42,800
9	Newport (R. I.) Redwood Library (av'e 3 yrs.).	420 48	206 31	209 75	836 54	1,163 89	11,029
10	New York Apprentices' Library (av'e 3 yrs.)..	4,072 42	286 10	503 13	4,861 65	4,163 49	102,514
11	New York Astor Library (av'e 2 years).....	.....	.....	.....	3,465 05	7,675 71	.....
12	New York Mercantile Library (av'e 2 years)...	8,676 21	1,985 23	1,727 14	12,388 58	14,535 20	242,617
13	Philadelphia Mercantile Library (av'e 2 yrs.)..	8,769 73	1,876 15	2.182 63	12,828 51	7,507 11	187,692
14	Pittsburgh Mercantile Library (av'e 3 yrs.)....	597 04	358 37	237 97	1,193 38	2,120 86	24,204
15	St. Louis Mercantile Library (av'e 3 yrs.).....	2,811 03	1,351 00	1,252 62	5,414 65	7,386 92	110,450
16	San Francisco Mercantile Library (av'e 2 yrs.)..	.....	.....	.....	10,602 65	9,323 40	83,637
17	U. S. Library of Congress (1868).....	.....	.....	.....	11,500 00	18,000 00	.....
	Totals.....				$109,177 22	$130,486 15	1,313,097
	Yearly averages.....				6,422 19	7,675 65	.....
	Averages, 13 Circulating Libraries.....				6,482 17	6,758 10	101,007
	St. Louis Public School Library (averages)....				4,108 71	3,582 59	60,685

In the foregoing table all the libraries are represented, of which we possess reports that give the desired items. In two cases (4 and 17) the items are taken from letters received from the librarians of the institutions. Wherever possible, an average has been taken from the three last yearly reports, as indicated in the table. By an examination of the table the following items become apparent: 12 of the 17 libraries cited pay more for salaries than for books, periodicals, and binding. The total yearly average cost of administration in the 17 libraries exceeds the yearly expenditure for books, etc., by $1,253.46. In our library the expenditure for books, etc., exceeds that for salaries by $526.12. A comparison of the circulation shows that the 13 circulating libraries cited issue, on an average, 14.9 volumes for every dollar paid for salaries; in our library the rate is 16.9 volumes per dollar for salaries.

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